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UNMC Chancellor Maurer Proud of Glassware and Being A Grandfather

Colleen Sergeant

Features Editor

Spotches of green, yellow and red streak down the sides of a small glass vase, placed in isolation on an end table. The vase is fat around the middle portion, but narrows quickly toward the neck.

This peculiar piece of artwork seems somewhat out of place in the chancellor's office at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Chancellor Harold M. Maurer doesn't discriminate against the Belgium vase from the 1950s because it fails to correspond with the color scheme in his formal office. In fact, it fills him with pleasure to have the vase in his presence because collecting glassware is his hobby and passion.

Maurer's antique glass collection was featured in the Art Nouveau exhibition last year at the Western Heritage Museum. Just as his "love" for glassware is unique and interesting, so are his experiences and contributions as a physician, researcher and academician.

Maurer, who chaired the department of pediatrics at the Medical College of Virginia for 17 years, until he came to UNMC's College of Medicine to serve as dean in 1993, is world-renowned for his research on a form of childhood cancer called rhabdomyosarcoma.

He founded a national rhabdomyosarcoma

research organization, for which he served as chairman for 25 years. The millions in research funding he obtained over the years from National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants helped to push the cure rate from 25 percent to almost 80 percent. A bar graph of these results is displayed on his office wall next to a picture of him surrounded by children.

"These are some of the kids I took care of," he said, while gazing at the picture with a smile and glowing eyes. On the same wall collage is a certificate of appreciation from the National Cancer Institute for his contributions.

Maurer stepped down from his position as chairman last year, but he is still the guru on the subject. He frequently receives letters and calls from all over the world.

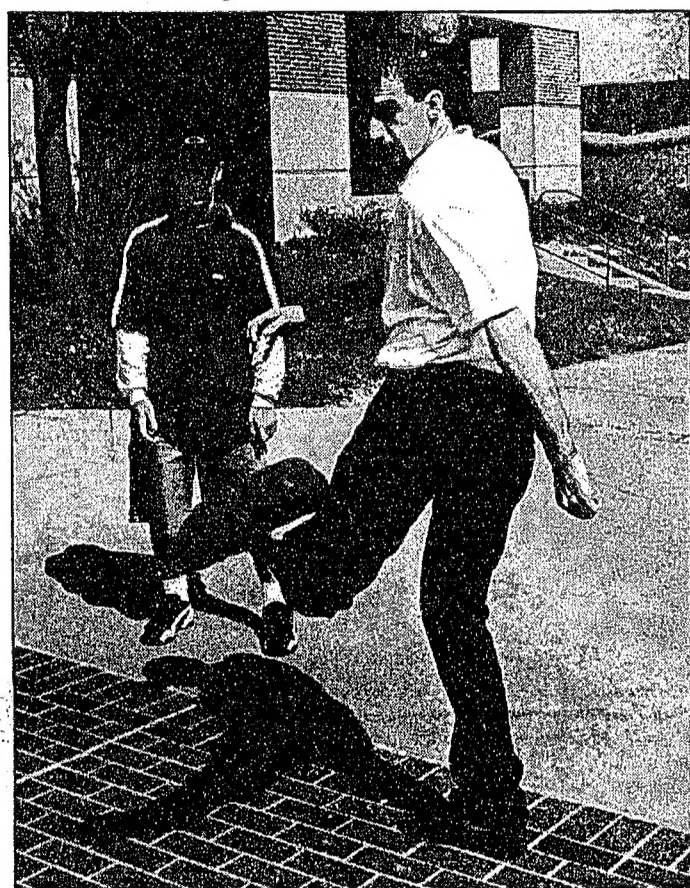
In one of his most famous cases, he cured the son of a Middle Eastern ruler. He met the ruler, whose name he would not mention, and made several visits to London, where he was treating the child for rhabdomyosarcoma of the leg.

But Maurer has done more than cure patients.

About 10 years ago, a Russian family contacted Maurer through a ham radio operator in New Jersey and wanted him to help their child, who had been diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma of the jaw. According to the case history airmailed to Maurer, the child received chemotherapy and radiation and

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Who needs class?



Joe Hammeke

Freshman Joe Obal, left, keeps his eye on the hacky sack as it is passed from senior Brian Johnstone. Warm temperatures this week sent students outdoors. Here, Obal and Johnstone enjoy the sun outside of the Durham Science Center.

Brasile Puts Wheels in Motion

Tony Dreibus

News Editor

Frank Brasile likes to win.

He knows how it feels to bring home a Gold medal, bronze medal and the silver medal for Team USA as an assistant coach.

He's going for the gold again, but now it is as head coach of the United States Women's Wheelchair Basketball team for the 1999-2000 season. He knows exactly what his goal is as head coach.

"We are in this to win that gold medal," Brasile said.

He also knows how important winning is.

"Usually people are judged not on how well you play the game but on if you won or not," Brasile said. "They don't care how close it was, but only who won."

Brasile, a professor of recreation therapy in the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) at UNO, served as assistant coach for Team USA when they won the gold medal at the first Women's Gold Cup competitions in St. Etienne, France in 1990; the bronze medal at the Stoke Mandeville Games in England in 1991; the silver medal in the Paralympic Games in Barcelona, Spain in 1992; the bronze medal at the Atlanta Paralympic Games in 1996; and the silver medal at the



third Women's Gold Cup. Joe Hammeke competitions held in Sydney, Australia in November 1998.

The USA Women's team will participate in the Pan Am American Zone qualifying competitions in Mexico City, Mexico in November 1999. If the team finishes with a medal at this competition, they will advance to the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney Australia in October 2000.

Brasile said in order for the team to have a chance, the players must be able to adapt to his style of coaching.

"It's not to say the coaches before haven't done a great job, but we want to develop a team that can work well under my system. My system means more of an emphasis on the bigger player, the taller player and being able to dominate the

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UNO Aviation Institute Recognizes Students

Jason Kuiper

Senior Staff Writer

The Aviation Institute recognized the students who have excelled in the program Sunday night at the 1999 Honors Convocation in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom.

Don Smithey, executive director of the Omaha Airport Authority, delivered the keynote speech to an audience of 150 students, parents and faculty members, the largest turnout in the convocation's history. He said the keys to the program's success are a growing sense of community interest, committed faculty members, and a highly motivated group of students. He said the aviation business needs such people because passengers will double in the next 10 years. By the year 2012 Eppley Airfield will have grown by 106 percent. Smithey said the key will be for professionals to be flexible and innovative.

"The opportunities are virtually endless," Smithey said. "You must find what strikes your fancy and make it your passion."

Nine scholarships were announced and numerous student accomplishments were recognized.

"This was our most substantial event ever," said Brent Bowen Ph.D., Director of the

Aviation Institute. "I was very impressed the administration of UNO was present to see these honors."

"One key thing is how this can attribute to the retention of students and be a part of student recruitment," he said.

The NASA Space Grant announced it would award four additional \$250 scholarships to students who applied for their other scholarships and awards.

Mary Schaffart won the Aviation Institute Golf Classic Scholarship and was recognized for the Vice Chancellor Leadership Award as well as numerous others. "I'm in graduate school, so this should help out with expenses. It was great to witness the accomplishments of all the aviation students."

The Southwest Airlines/Golf Classic Scholarship, worth \$1,000, went to Ines Helm for a baby book she made of herself. The book showed pictures all the different modes of transportation she used in her life and ended with a picture of a Southwest jet, which she hopes to fly someday.

The Aviation Student of the Year, Aviation Optimist Scholarship went to Mike Lempe. He also won the Durham Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar award. "It was by far

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other team in defense," he said.

Brasile said he is confident of the Women's 1999-2000 team, which brings eight new international players, including one from Lincoln.

"In Australia in 1998 at the Gold Cup Competition we won the silver medal. This year we are going to bring it up a notch," he said. "We don't have to peak until the final round. We peaked too soon in 1998.

We had Canada until the final round, then lost them. That's not going to win many ball games."

Even though his focus is on the young, Brasile knows success comes to those who work as a group.

"No one person is a star. My philosophy is that it is a team effort," he said. "We first have to see what we can do as a team."

AVIATION: UNO Honors Its Finest

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the most tremendous academic honor I've ever received," said Lempke. "I'm very thankful to the highly knowledgeable student body and faculty here."

Karisa Kane won the Durham Outstanding Graduate Scholar award.

The David LaMar Memorial Scholarship and Omaha Area 99's Lois Durham

Scholarship were awarded to Jocelyn Wachal. "I'm elated. I wasn't expecting to receive such high honors. I'm proud to be a part of the organization."

The scholarships are awarded by recommendations from faculty who grade them on a point scale, with final say coming from the individual sponsor of the award.

For The Record

The full dress rehearsal of "All in the Timing" will be at the Weber Fine Arts Building. Tuesday's issue of the Gateway printed the location as the Lied Performing Arts Center.

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Filling Space: A Vicious Gleet Squad



Curt Meyer

Columnist

Naked.

I recently sent an e-mail to Playboy Enterprises, Inc. I was making an inquiry about the Playboy College Fiction Contest they hold each year. It happens to be one of the most prestigious fiction contests in America and winning it can help make a writer's career. It is the only one of its kind for college students. The winner gets \$3000 and is published in the October issue of

Playboy magazine-the "back to campus" edition, I believe. That's the issue that gets protested every year because Playboy sends photographers to college campuses to take pictures of coeds without their clothes on.

I've considered sending them a manuscript. I've written a story about an Op/Ed writer for a college newspaper who turns into a vampire at night. He has a cat as his trusty familiar and it talks to him constantly throughout the story. This crazy pair hit every college party they can in a six-hour period, kill everyone they find and then drink what's left in the keg when they finish. I call it *Frat Fang Fright: The University Years*. The best part is when the vampire taps the keg with his fangs.

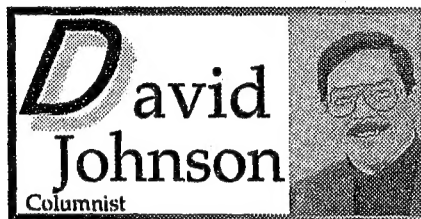
There used to be a zombie, cheerleader girlfriend in the story, but I workshopped it and most of my peers thought she wasn't believable enough and there was too much confusion when the omnipotent narrator gets inside her head and finds she's jealous of the vampire's familiar. She figures he spends way too much time with a talking cat. They also thought she wasn't consistent enough within the rest of the story. Now that I think about it, I made the zombie cheerleader a real control freak. I'm glad I took her out.

Last year Karl Iagnemma, a Ph.D. student in mechanical engineering at MIT, won the contest. He wrote about an underachiever who dates a rich girlfriend.

Now, come on. Really. It's got to be pretty obvious to you now that my story is going to blow the fiction judges at Playboy away. I'm in. My story has twice as much entertainment value and flash as Karl's. Not to mention the message my story sends. I might as well start spending that three grand now.

In case my story doesn't win the contest, I have a back up plan. I'm going to have it self-published as a graphic novel. Some safety net, huh? You should clip this article out now and save it. Someday it'll be worth \$\$\$\$ 'cause I wrote it. I'll be hanging out at the Playboy mansion with Hef and the girls. Cool. Anybody know where I can buy an ascot?

Capel Cottage Revue: Women Are From Venus, Men Are Basically Pigs



David Johnson

Columnist

Chapter 2

A couple of guys in my public speaking class are big time into bowling, so much, that both gave their opening speeches on the finer points of the sports.

Their orations got me thinking...I bet men and women approach bowling differently. I bet, deep down, there is a bowling battle of the sexes. I bet I had better get on

with this column before my editor sacks me.

So, I did some research:

1. While bowling, women will actually root for the other team! The enemy! It's like they don't even care if they win or not. It's like they bowl just to have fun!

Men, on the other hand, will do anything this side of a third degree felony to distract, upset or otherwise torment the opposition. This could include putting chili powder in their thumb holes, changing their scores when they're not looking and calling in napalm strikes if we really fall behind.

2. Every now and then, but more now than anything, men will engage in the time honored tradition of the "beer frame." This

is a highly respected ordination, handed down through history and looked upon with a great deal of pomp and, uh, salivation.

Women do not have "beer frames." Women have "ginseng tea and finger sandwich frames" or if they really get spirited, the old "diet coke and breadsticks frame."

3. Women have no idea how to celebrate. Whenever women get a strike, they stroll back to the pit and high five their teammates.

Hello?!

High five's went out with the Carter administration.

Men know how to celebrate. I remember the one time I got a strike (Dec. 3, 1985), my teammates rushed into the lane

chest-thumping each other, did that five-minute around-the-back-between-the-legs-over-the-head Chicago handshake thing, bashed foreheads until I finally said "ow!" and doused me with some kinda think and chunky salsa mixture.

That's how you celebrate.

4. Look into a man's bowling bag and what do you see: A scratched up, 14-pound solid black ball, dirt stained crying towel, resin bag and half of an old bologna sandwich.

Look into a woman's bowling bag: bright, shiny metallic pink ball with highlight swirls and baby blue specs, freshly ironed hand towel and an extra compact-eyeliner-lipstick kit.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I thought we had an agreement.

If you got Curt Meyer to eliminate the gratuitous vulgarities from his writing, I wouldn't point out the sophomoric content or the insipid language of his contributions to the Gateway.

Judging from his fascination with scatology and his references to excrement I calculate his cranium must be about brim full of the material.

What I don't understand is why you think this is acceptable language for print journalism.

Maybe you could enlighten me.

Editor, do you think that Jacquelyn Mitchard would tell her readers in print how "pissed off" she is?

I understand Curt Meyer's problem. He has the mentality of a first grader who has discovered that some of the words the big boys use on the playground can get quite a reaction out of his mother's bridge club. I thought better of you and I'm disappointed.

Curt, Wendy, grow up.

Sincerely,

Dennis Moore
UNO staff

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Arts & Leisure

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The Anti-Fashion Victim



This brings me to my next grip: seasonal colors.

Men are the lucky creatures that are allowed to wear whatever colors they want, whenever they want. You can talk all you want about women's liberation, but when it comes down to it, we're all still slaves to fashion.

Take right now. It's spring, Easter time, more specifically. Therefore, you must wear pretty pink and soft yellow and light green and sky blue and pastel purple and white because they're spring colors.

I think I'll stick to my winter colors for a little while longer. Once the spring color change is over, we stick to the more red, yellow and blue colors of summer.

But why?

Only Ralph Lauren knows. But, oops, by the time you've got your summer wardrobe fleshed out, along comes fall.

So where does it all end?

When will women be allowed one wardrobe like men? Or even two?

If I had the money, I'd settle for two. The way things are now, I settle for one.

I wear black pretty much year round. Black and any other deep color.

Why?

I look more than a tad unhealthy when I wear pink and yellow. I couldn't wear yellow when I was a little kid, and I still refuse to wear pink. Except for one exception.

The last time I was at an Omaha mall, I stopped at a nice spot to get good clothing. I was perusing the T-shirt section and three shirts caught my eye.

One was a bright pink baseball jersey-type number that said "Tramp" on it.

The other one was a bright purple version of the previous, with the word "Hooker" on it.

I would wear pink if it was on a T-shirt that said "tramp" on it in pennant-style lettering.

It's like the ultimate dis to fashion.

And the third shirt? It was an army-camo style T-shirt that had printed on it in stark yellow letters "BOYS LIE." I'd wear it.

I have nothing against wearing the truth printed across my chest.

What's with all the pink lately?

I've heard that it's the "new black."

If I remember right, just a few months ago, gray was the "new black." And, a bit before that, wasn't brown the "new black?" Last time I checked, black was black. And a "new black" is just anything that stands as the fad of the moment.

Spring is in the air.

You know it because all the stores are selling shorts and Capri pants. Of course, they've been selling them since late January, but no one in their right mind buys that stuff until they're sure they might wear them sometime in the next month. Not only that, but swimsuits are popping up everywhere. I don't know about you, but I don't plan on swimming for a good two or three months yet. If I want to wear something that looks like a tank top while swimming, I'll wear a tank top instead of shelling out \$70 for Calvin Klein's version.

Then there's the Capri pants.

My dear mother once said, "If Capri pants ever come back in style, I'll eat my shoe."

Mom would have, but the dog got a hold of the shoe first. She also said the same thing about tie-dye and bell bottoms. I just don't understand this whole "new-old stuff" idea. To me, bell bottoms looks just as ridiculous now as they did back in the seventies.

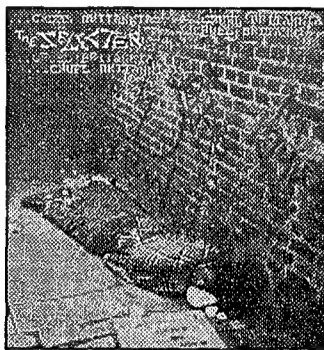
On the right person and with a cute little flowery top...but I digress.

Back to pink. I'm sorry, but pink? Eh. I've always considered pink an evil color. I'd rather go nude than wear pink. But then, I'd wear pink before I'd wear yellow. Pink is everywhere now. Gwyneth Paltrow's Oscar dress, the cover of Mademoiselle, the fashion runways. It goes on and on. It's the cute, new color. We'll suffer it for a few months, while later, designers force more "fall-ish" clothing on us.

CD Reviews by Enyi Emesih, staff writer

The Selectors Cruel Britannia (Snapper Music) Favorite Title: "Respect Yourself."

One of Ska's leading names has returned with a brand new album. No true Ska head can say they're not familiar with The Selectors; they are, along with Madness, one of the most recognizable names on the British Ska scene. This outing "Cruel Britannia" is instrumentally rich. There's an obvious reggae feel; a lot of other bands in the same genre barely touch on. Longtime vocalist Pauline Black is in great shape. She's joined on vocals by Dave Barker and Richard Wayler. This project doesn't match up with their previous classics, but it does have a consistent mood which gives it an overall good vibe. Release date: spring 1999.

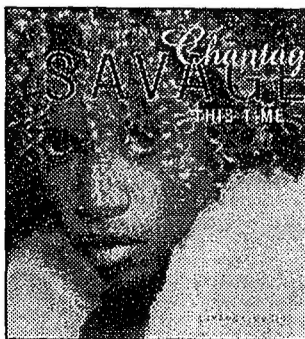


Various Artists Best of BET's Planet Groove (Fully Loaded Records) Favorite Title: "Anytime" by Brian McKnight.



A constant compilation of R&B hits from the last two years. To be more precise, favorites from BET's prime time music video show, a lot of jams that blazed our CD players and jeeps last summer. Montell Jordan's collaboration with Master P and Silk "The Shocker" "Lets Ride" and Erykah Badu's "Tyrone," every lady's anthem, grace this collection. Release date: March 23.

Chantay Savage This Time (RCA Records) Favorite Title: "Come Around"



We all know Chantay Savage from her powerful cover of Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive," that deep

statement of independence that put her on the map. Her follow up would be expected to fulfill that initial promise, but it doesn't. I'm very disappointed she's working with the same generic-sounding material every other R&B act has access to. Not to take away from the listening pleasure of this album, I'm simply pointing out none of the material gives her enough room to make any significant mark or create an identity like Mary J or Sade Adu. The title track is a good song, but I can look not too far off to find a song with similar arrangements and production. Release date: March 23.

Cherokee I love You...Me (RCA)

Favorite Title: "Oopsy Daisy."

Cherokee is the type of performer we were promised with the first coming of Me' Shell Ndegeocello. A female singer/song writer with the gift to plant her music in our minds. This Brooklyn native takes on R&B, hip-hop and soul, creating a dramatic fusion of anxious energy. I like this CD.



There's no doubt in my mind about the quality of the music here. The use of live instruments and very poetic lyrics recreate a dying era. Cherokee won't alienate anyone. She maintains an urban feel throughout the CD, and still achieves soulful sophistication. Release date: March 23.

N.W.A The N.W.A Legacy Vol.1 1988-1998 (Priority Records)

Favorite Title: "Straight Outta Compton."

This compilation should have been called the N.W.A family tree, tracing N.W.A history from 1988's ground breaking debut "Straight Outta Compton" through solo and protégé projects. More of a trip down memory lane with classic hits like Ice Cube's "It Was A Good Day," "Steady Mobbin" and his single with Da Lench Mob "Guerillas in Tha Mist". I wasn't too happy with the remixed Version of "Today Was A Good Day," but his work with the West Side Connection is well represented here.

Solo cuts by Mack 10 are also included on the CD.

DR. DRE, long known as the producer of West Coast Hip-Hop, had me impressed when I heard "Let Me Ride" and the songs he did for other artists like Snoop Dog, 2Pac, Daz Dillinger and The D.O.C. Release date: April 1999.

Danes Moves Into Action Movie Arena

College Press Exchange

LOS ANGELES-Actress Claire Danes wants to be in a luxury suite at the Four Seasons hotel. Danes also is right where she wants to be in her career, and that

includes her role as undercover cop Julie Barnes, the role originated by Peggy Lipton in the 1960s TV series upon which the movie is based. Danes co-stars with Omar Epps as Linc Hayes (originally played by Clarence

Williams III) and Giovanni Ribisi as Pete Cochran (Michael Cole was the original Pete).

Danes said she was not concerned that it might diminish the respect with which she is held in the movie industry.

The Cheap & The Choice

Compiled by Christine Kasel - Arts & Leisure editor

Friday, April 2

"Blindfolded Easter Egg Hunt" MBSC, Fireplace Lounge. A late entry to the calendar. The press release says "must bring a partner to participate." Hmmm. Sounds promising. Hey, refreshments provided. That tears it. I'll be there. Starts at "12 noon sharp!" Sponsored by the Network for disAbleD Students. For info, call Jen @ 554-3991.

"Three Sisters," Fine Arts Theater, Weber Fine Arts Building. Zdrasfte! Better scoot over to the UNO stage because this is the last production of the season. This is Brian Freil's translation of Anton Chekov's Three Sisters., a story of an aristocratic family's slide into oblivion in the Russian Revolution, some 20 years in their future. This is both a comedic and painful play, filled with the foibles and minutiae of human life. For tickets call 554-3427.

"UNO Student Art Exhibit" UNO Art Gallery, Weber Fine Arts Building. The display of Bertha Mengedoh Hatz Memorial award-winners, including Rebecca Conrad, Al Coughlin, Kris Harzinski, Jon Jackson, Mary Kalisch, Marc Manriquez, Richard Saxton, Aron Schlosser and Jeane Svihus. Also displayed are the winners of the Gallery Award, Shane Brooks and Anthony Hoagland. The exhibit continues through April 9. Gallery hours: Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Also by appointment. For more info call 554-2796.

"Lasermajic Rock" Mallory Kountze Planetarium, Durham Science Center. Fri. & Sat. nights; Fleetwood Mac (April 9 - May 1) at 7 p.m. followed by Smashing Pumpkins (thru April) at 8:30 p.m.. Cake wraps up the evening at 10:00 p.m.. \$4 adults, \$3 12 & under. Physics Hotline, 554-3722, or check out the web site at www.physics.unomaha.edu

"Neon" Shelterbelt Theatre. Will Mike the Geek ever get a date with the homecoming queen? Come see if

dreams are "meant to be fulfilled." Written by Mark Pracht, directed by Kendall Gray. Fri. & Sat. doors open at 7:30 p.m.; Sun. at 6 p.m. \$8 regular admission, but students get in for \$6 at the Sun. show. For reservations or more info call 341-2757.

"The Shadow Box" Rose Blumkin Performing Arts Center, 2201 Farnam St. Todd Brooks is directing this Pulitzer Prize-winning play, which revolves around three terminally ill people and the reactions of their families. No one dies in the production, said Brooks in an Omaha World Herald interview, it's more about how people do or don't deal with it. 8 p.m. Fri. - Sun. through April 18. \$15 GP, \$10 students & seniors. For more info call 342-9053.

"It's a Chick Thing" Artist's Cooperative Gallery, 405 S. 11th St. Artist's featured in this exhibit are Rebecca Brown, mixed media & photography; Alessandra Petersen, photography; Nancy Gould Ratliff, photography; Jill Ten Hagen, mixed media & photography. Show runs thru April 25. Gallery hours: Wed. & Thu. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sun. For more info call 292-1705 or visit their web site at <http://incolor.inetnebr.com/pwww/acg>

"Contemporary '99 International Exhibition" Period Gallery, 5174 Leavenworth. This exhibit features the latest trends in art from artists around the country and Canada. Media varies. Over 70 two- and three-dimensional works are on view. Selection and awards juror is none other than UNO's own Art Professor Larry Bradshaw. The gallery is committed to giving students "the opportunity of experiencing some part of the business of art." This is a hidden gem of a gallery. Absolutely choice and totally cheap, unless you decide to buy some art, of course. Check out their web site at www.periodgallery.com. For open hours call 556.3218.

"Two Worlds Apart, Yet Always in Collision," Omaha Center for Contemporary Art, 1116 Jackson St. Okay, I'm intrigued. The press release says this exhibit features art and performance "since the early 60's." I'm not sure what the heck that means, but the artists are a "13-year-old child prodigy," a 66-year-old American folk artist, a professional 13-year college student and a guy named Arlen whose "found object collages inspired by and made from the remnants of the discarded and ignored small towns of the Midwest." I'll bite. The show opens tonight at 7 p.m. and runs thru May 2. Admission: \$1.50. For more info call 345-9711.

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"Open Mic Night" Omaha History Center & Coffee Lounge, 512 S. 13th St. (by Julio's). Music, comedy, poetry, piano, whatever comes up. "Live and Love." 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. For more info call 345-9135.

"Godsmack" The Ranch Bowl, 1600 South 72nd St. Special guests Loudmouth and Diss, Inc. According to their public relations firm MSO, the Chicago-based quartet Loudmouth was raised on a steady diet of Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath and AC/DC and the group's self-titled debut is old-school rock played for the new millennium. Whatever that means. All-age show. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$10 advance, \$10 day of show. For more info call 393-0990.

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Sports

Saturday's Schedule

Saturday
Baseball-St. Cloud State at UNO (2) 1:30 p.m.
Softball-UNO in pool play at SDSU
Tournament
Track- at Northwest Missouri State Invite 9 a.m.

Up To Bat

Jim Sheil

Staff Writer

Author's opinion enclosed.

Now that the "madness" is over let baseball and the best athletes take center stage locally and nationally. (I don't care how many southerners have nothing better to do, race car drivers are not athletes.)

Here on campus, Bob Gates will be hanging up his spikes after coaching college baseball for 30 years and at UNO since 1977.

For anyone interested in seeing how baseball was meant to be played before the arrival of "gorilla ball," you should try to catch one of "Gator's" last games.

The measure of coach Gates won't be in wins and losses but rather in the positive influence on numerous young men and the legions of friends he has amassed over the years.

Unfortunately this year has been a bit rocky, but with conference play starting today, all is forgiven with a home double dip against Morningside.

This year aluminum bats with less pop were introduced for safety and an attempt to decrease scoring. But according to UNO's leading home run hitter Brent Rasmussen, the change has been minimal.

Former UNO pitcher Ryan Christiansen who was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals last year has been ticketed to play for the Cards Class A team, the Peoria Braves.

Can the conference leading Huskers keep it up? The weekend sweep of Top 10 Texas makes the 50 spot against Chicago State look trivial. The College World Series is a reach, but barring a Danny Nee type collapse the Huskers will make it to a NCAA regional and that's where "The Road to Omaha Begins". And if they do make it to Rosenblatt look for Omaha and the state to lose it. Imagine 20,000 people clad in red screaming for a piece of LSU and thousands more milling about south Omaha. Even crime conscious-rural Nebraskans would make the trip to the states only city to the Big Red tee it up with FSU, at least until sundown. Omahans supported Creighton in 1991 but how can I say this without making some people cry?

Creighton is well.... Creighton.

Also, in the wake of the 1991 CWS run, the Bluejays baseball program was unable to obtain any type of tangible support from the Omaha community or even from its own athletic department.

Congratulations to The Golden Spikes Baseball Club for

changing their name to something unique. They did this for one of the following

a) to be politically correct like Millard South

b) the Kansas City Royals are embarrassing

c) to have a cool nickname, like so many other minor league teams e.g. Toledo Mud Hens, the Charleston River Dogs and the Lansing Lugnuts (I hear they have their own bar).

Unfortunately, b is the correct answer but I will accept c also.

Who wants to be associated with an organization whose greatest moment was the result of a blown call?

The best nicknames have historical or geographical significance, classics include the Brooklyn Dodgers, the Oklahoma Sooners and the Philadelphia 76ers. Some of the best are just plain quirky e. g., the Texas Christian Horned Frogs, the Oregon State Beavers and the

Southwest Louisiana Ragin Cajun'.

In the big leagues look for a new home run king and Mark McGuire to have a drop-off.

"Big Mac" will not reach the plateau of 50 homers for a number of reasons.

First, pitchers will no longer care what's good for the game as room service fastballs will turn to chin music. Rather the focus will be keeping Mac in the yard by giving him no pitches to hit.

Secondly, the lack of quality pitches will turn "Mighty Mac" into a free-swingin' fool by August.

Third, if Mac does get in a groove look for pitchers to throw at him early and often.

Lastly, Mark McGuire is no Babe Ruth. "The Bambino" spent the night before games in a bar room and McGuire spends them in the weight room.

Which is the stuff of legends?

Sammy Sosa will return to his Clark Kent form and get 40 jacks in the "friendly confines".

No knock on "Slammin' Sammy," but he will never approach his "Beamesque" 66 round-trippers of last year. Prepare the throne for "Kid" Griffey, as the sweet-swinging lefty drops 60 plus bombs on Major League pitching.

And when the Yankees and their fans square off with the Mets and their faithful in the first subway series since 1956, look for a World Cup type atmosphere in New York City.

Finally, at seasons end, look for the KC Royals, who will be mathematically eliminated in July and logically in March to attempt to change their name to dissociate their organization from themselves.

Maverick Softball Stays On The Road

Andy Nordmeier

Sports Editor

The Maverick softball team will continue playing road games this week when UNO hit the diamond in Brookings, S.D. and the South Dakota State University tournament.



Joe Hammelke

Maverick pitcher Tara Buzzell pitches during a recent home softball practice.

The Mavericks head into this weekend at 19-6, and winners of the last two games. UNO swept South Dakota in a North Central Conference twin bill Tuesday afternoon 5-2 and 10-1.

In this weekend's tournament there will be a pool-play format in which teams are grouped and play each of the other teams in that group.

Up first for the Mavericks will be an 11 a.m. match-up against the University of Mary. A game with more importance will be played at 3 p.m. when the Mavericks lock up with Minnesota State-Mankato in a North Central Conference contest.

The Mavericks already downed Minnesota State 4-0 back March 18.

Saturday morning's games will be based on the results of pool play on Friday and are not available as of press time.

Along the lines of games without results, the Mavericks' scheduled March 31 doubleheader against Wayne State College has been postponed until April 21 for unknown reasons.

Those games were the original home openers for the team, but the April 7 doubleheader against South Dakota State will be the first home games of 1999 for the team, weather permitting.

That series will count in the North Central Conference standings as will the doubleheader against the new kids on the conference block, Northern Colorado April 9

And as if that wasn't enough home softball, the Mavericks also host the annual UNO/Godfather's Tournament April 10-11 at the LaVista Sports Complex.

That tournament will have the Mavericks playing five games in two days, highlighted by a conference game against North Dakota State April 11 at 11 a.m.

Mavericks to Play in NWMS Tournament

Andy Nordmeier

Sports Editor

The Maverick track and field team is on the run this week at the Bearcat Invitational Meet at Northwest Missouri State University. The starter's pistol cracks at 9 a.m.

The Mavericks are coming off a strong season-opening performance at the Polardog Invitational, hosted by Concordia College, where the Mavericks won six events and had 14 top-

three finishes at the meet.

This weekend's meet will feature teams from Nebraska and Missouri. The meet is a non-scoring meet and will give the Mavericks time to hone up skills over the short outdoor season.

Next week, the Mavericks will have a little more of a challenge, an NCAA Division II Challenge to be exact. That meet will feature several NCAA teams that can be expected to score points at the national meet. The site of the NCAA Division II

Challenge is also the same as the national meet, Emporia, Kan. The national meet is May 27-29.

The ever-present North Central Conference meet is coming up in just five weeks, May 7-8 at North Dakota State University and the Mavericks will be focused on that meet and trying to find a way to beat perennial powers North Dakota State and South Dakota. Those were the two teams that finished ahead of the Mavericks at the indoor conference meet in March.

Sport Shorts

Done for the Year

That's a four-word phrase describing Maverick pitcher Adam Ford. Saturday, the Mavericks learned the pitcher is done for the season, after getting his appendix removed. That adds to the battered pitch-

ing staff, as Dallas Sweazy is nursing a sore right shoulder.

Ready, Set, Walk

Get your favorite pair of walking shoes out of the closet and start limbering up now for the 13th annual Diet Pepsi Women's Walk for Athletics. The walk will take place April 17, the morning of the spring football game, starting at 9 a.m. The walk itself will begin at 10 a.m. and last for 30 minutes. Walkers can either hit the track around the football field or take a course through campus.

MAURER: UNMC Chancellor Has International Experience, Business Intuition

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was about to undergo major surgery. But Maurer thought, "this looks spooky."

He requested the slides that came to him in just days with the help of the US Army stationed in Russia. After examining the slides with a pathologist, Maurer was certain a diagnostic error had been made. It wasn't cancer.

After he sent the good news to the family, he received more than 60 requests for help from all over Russia. "Not on rhabdomyosarcoma, but on multiple sclerosis, leukemia, thyroid disease—on everything," Maurer said. "I thought, 'What's going on here?'"

A newspaper in Provda published a story on the girl and it was circulated across the country. He handled the overwhelming number of requests by distributing them to those who could respond.

Then the gifts started coming, as well as

calls from Russian commentators.

"My office staff (from MCV) really felt a part of it," he said. "It was really an exciting time."

Now that his duties at UNMC are primarily administrative, one may wonder how Maurer finds the time for research and educating.

"On nights and weekends, of course," said Maurer, who was one of few deans in the country to have a NIH grant for research. Even as chancellor, he has continued with research, but not as principle investigator. "I've kept a low profile on research and education because you have to facilitate everyone else."

He wouldn't call himself a workaholic, but he would say he's "an action type of guy," who likes "to get things done and see accomplishments." Daily self-evaluation is a way for him to monitor his progress.

"Everyday I look at what I've done or what I do," he said, "and I classify it into one of two areas; either I'm initiating or I'm responding."

Finding a balance of the two is imperative to "move things forward," he said. "If I do only responding, then I'm not doing my job."

Not only have his work ethics contributed to his success, but so have his workplace philosophies.

He said keeping promises and gaining the trust and respect of people are critical, but being a nice person is just as important.

"There are plenty of smart people around, but if you are not a nice person you are not going to get anywhere," he said. "People are not going to look to you for advice, council and give you their ideas."

Maurer also tries to create a workplace where people can have "fun and have ownership in what they are doing." Environments like these are most productive, he said, because you can "get people to buy into vision and move forward with it."

His business intuition helped him facili-

tate the recent merger of UNMC and Clarkson Hospital to form the Nebraska Health System. "The merger was considered until the mid 80s and things were at a stand still because it always had to be a win-lose situation for somebody," said Maurer, who turned things into a "win-win" situation for everyone.



Dr. Harold M. Maurer

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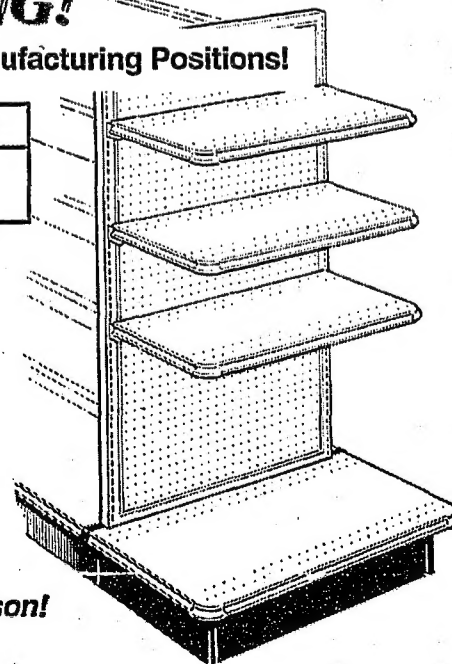
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